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FOR: THERAPEUTICS AND DIAGNOSTICS BASED ON A NOVEL IL-1B  
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**RESPONSE TO SEPTEMBER 9, 2004 OFFICE ACTION**

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed September 9, 2004 in the above-referenced application. A petition for a two-month extension of time and the required fee are filed herewith. With this extension of time, these documents are due on February 9, 2005. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 24299-502.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.